

## KEYS TO REAL TREASURE

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*The greatest difficulty facing would be Christians and the church, is the ability to differentiate between keys and the treasure. Modern safes or vaults come with a series of 'keys' that need to be applied before they can be opened. One of the most secure safes has four rotating tumblers (two alpha and two numeric). The unlocking handle also has a key lock in its middle. To open the safe four sets of six numeric and alpha combinations (keys), have to be entered before the safe can be opened. However as a further precaution, the handle itself has a key lock in its center. The treasure in the safe cannot be accessed until all keys have been applied.*

*The problem facing the modern Christian church is very similar, but has one added complication. The biggest challenge for today's church is that it confuses the keys with the treasure, because they are devoid of clear understanding. Many are claiming salvation because they know some of the keys, which they mistakenly believe is the treasure. It is the job of the real church to reveal the difference between the two. Let's separate the keys from the treasure (salvation).*

***The following scriptures highlight one or two keys each, but none open the safe of salvation, because they don't contain the full combination of keys.***

**ACT 2:21** And it shall come to pass, *that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.* This statement is true, but contains only part of the combination.

**ROM 5:9** Much more then, being now **justified by his blood**, we shall be **saved** from wrath through him. *The same goes for this different statement.*

**ROM 8:24** For we are **saved by hope**: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? *And again for this further different statement.*

**ROM 10:9** That if thou shalt **confess with thy mouth** the Lord Jesus, and shalt **believe in thine heart that God hath raised** him from the dead, thou shalt be **saved**. *Two further but different keys.*

**1COR 1:18** For the **preaching of the cross** is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are **saved** it is the **power of God**. *Another different key on top of the numerous others.*

**EPH 2:5** Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (**by grace ye are saved**;) *Another statement and another key once again.*

**&8** For by **grace** are ye **saved** through **faith**; and that not of yourselves: *it is the gift of God: One key added to another.*

**2THE 2:10** And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the **love of the truth**, that they might be **saved**. *A further key, but still not the treasure.*

***This verse reveals several keys and describes the treasure as well.***

**TIT 3:5** **Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;**

***This verse also reveals keys and describes the treasure.***

**ACT 1:5** For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

**&8** But ye shall receive **power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you**: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

***This verse puts all the keys into action at the same time, so the treasure can be obtained.***

**ACT 2:38** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized **every one** of you in the name of Jesus Christ **for (towards) the remission of sins**, and ye shall receive the **gift of the Holy Ghost**.

***This verse reveals how the treasure works.***

**2COR 4:7** But we have this **treasure** in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. *The keys are not the treasure, but are the essential parts to getting it.*